

No. R-245. House concurrent resolution congratulating Clara Emlen of Calais on being named the 2014 America's National Teenager.

(H.C.R.180)

Offered by: Representative Ancel of Calais

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, the America's National Teenager Scholarship Organization was established in 1970 to conduct pageants that promote a positive image for teenage girls, and

Whereas, unlike the typical pageant, 70 percent of the scoring is based on a contestant's interviews with judges, leadership and community work, academics, and ability to respond to on-stage questions, and

Whereas, the winner of the 2013 Miss Vermont's National Teenager pageant was Clara Emlen of Calais, and

Whereas, this former legislative page is a student at Proctor Academy, and

Whereas, Clara volunteers at her school's Community Service Program, sings in the chamber choir, and has been a member of Proctor Academy's tennis and cross-country teams, and

Whereas, Clara has adopted a personal goal to educate the public about sexual violence and encourage strength over silence, and

Whereas, she has acted on this objective as a member of the Speakers' Bureau for RAINN, the largest anti-sexual violence organization in the United States, and through her volunteer work in Circle, an anti-domestic violence organization in Barre, and

Whereas, Clara Emlen is passionately interested in working with persons who have disabilities and hopes to become a special education teacher, and

Whereas, other organizations with which she has a special affinity include the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and Special Olympics, and

Whereas, the winners of the state pageants gathered in San Antonio, Texas for the national competition, and

Whereas, to her great surprise, on July 27, Clara Emlen was crowned as the 2014 America's National Teenager and will be the recipient of a major college scholarship, and

Whereas, her responsibilities as America's National Teenager will take her across the nation for speaking and volunteering engagements at various organizations, and

Whereas, Clara Emlen is honored to serve as the 2014 America's National Teenager, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Clara Emlen on being named the 2014 America's National Teenager, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Clara Emlen.